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1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CASPARI INFORMED
THE MISSION THAT FURTHER CONTACTS WITHIN THE EC COMMISSION
AND WITH MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES HERE AND IN NEW
YORK HAD STRENGTHENED HIS INITIAL OPPOSITION (REF B) TO
THE US SUGGESTION OF A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH
A LIMITED-MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW MECHANISM FOR NORTH-SOUTH

ISSUES IN THE UNGA. THERE IS ALMOST NO SUPPORT FOR THIS SUGGESTION IN THE EC HE SAID. CASPARI ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE COORDINATION IS TAKING PLACE ON A CONTINUING BASIS IN NEW YORK BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS AND WITH THE US AND OTHER DELEGATIONS, ALL NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WILL BE TAKEN UP ON NOVEMBER 29 BY THE COUNCIL'S AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES PRESIDED BY BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DENIS. THIS GROUP MAY ALSO TRY TO HARMONIZE THE POSITION OF THE MEMBER STATES ON THE OVERVIEW MECHANISM.

2. CASPARI'S ASSISTANT ON NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS, ODILE QUINTIN, SAID THAT MOST MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS FEEL THAT THE GROUP B COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO INTRODUCE A PROPOSAL BUT CONCENTRATE ON MAKING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE G-77 PROPOSED OVERVIEW GROUP ACCEPTABLE TO THE B GROUP. CASPARI FEELS THAT BY TABLING A PROPOSAL WE WOULD PLACE OURSELVES IN A "DEMANDEUR" POSITION AND GIVE THE G-77 AN OPENING TO POSE TOUGH CONDITIONS TO GO ALONG WITH OUR PROPOSAL. MOST SOURCES AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE OVERVIEW BODY TO BE IN ECOSOC RATHER THAN IN THE UNGA, BUT ACCORDING TO QUINTIN, THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE THIS A MAJOR ISSUE WITH THE G-77. MORRIS

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